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## NON-COMBATANTS

Red Troops in China are Murdering Defenseless Women and Children.

## RUSSIANS ARE EXTREMELY CRUEL.

Fresh News Received in Washington Regarding the Situation and All Negotiations Are Secret.

Russo-Russian Peace Move Has Reached an Acute Situation—Russia's Officers Say Americans Will Retire from Pekin.

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beat out their brains on the pavement. Russian officers looked on without protest.

While Gen. Chaffee was watering his horse at a stream under the wall of Tung Chow, the Russians found a feeble, old man hidden in the mud except his nose and dragged him out by the queue, shouting gleefully. They impaled him on their bayonets. Gen. Chaffee remarked, "That is not war. It is brutal murder."

American officers at Taku, days after the fighting was finished, saw Russians bayonet Chinese children and throw old men into the river, clubbing them to death when they tried to swim. The Russians killed women who knelt before them and begged for mercy. These incidents are so numerous as to compel the conclusion that they are not isolated episodes, but the ordinary practices of Russian methods of warfare.

The Russians on the walls of Peking would apparently shoot every Chinaman within range outside. A correspondent found many newly killed in the fields outside of the Russian section of the wall. Coolies were killed while trotting along the roads with their loads.

## SUSPICIOUS OF RUSSIA.

The Return of the European Concert Is Now Conceded to Be an Accomplished Fact.

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